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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: TIP TIER TWO WATCH LIST ACTION PLAN

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1. PolOff delivered reftel action plan September 24 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Coordination and Follow Up Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Sheikh Abdul Aziz said that the GOB was eager to combat the trafficking problem in Bahrain and had already started to take some of the steps listed in the Short-Term Action Plan. He mentioned that a September 17-19 anti-trafficking program for Ministry of Justice officials (at which the Ambassador spoke) was a great success and that MOJ officials were in the final stages of drafting a law that criminalizes trafficking. Sheikh Abdul Aziz also noted that the inter-ministerial TIP committee will meet next week to discuss other anti-TIP initiatives that are underway.

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